

IN THE CRESCENT STATE.

An Academy for Colored Youths  
Burned—News Notes.

Baton Rouge, La., Special—The Baton Rouge Academy was burned down recently, but, we have the promise and fair prospects of soon having a new two-story building erected on the same grounds, which will be quite an acquisition. Rev. James A. Mitchell of Gloster, Miss., was a prominent visitor in our midst last week, and during his stay here preached an eloquent and impressive sermon at the Shiloh Baptist church. It was greatly enjoyed by all present. Prof. John W. Thomas who was recovering from his late illness, we are sorry to state, has had a relapse but his friends sincerely hope that he will soon enjoy the best of health. Rev. C. H. Stephens, an eloquent divine, preached an appropriate sermon on Sunday last at the Bethel church. His subject was the "Resurrection." Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather quite a number of candidates were baptized by Rev. George Bird, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist church.

The Summer Season Is On.

Captain L. J. Woollen, manager of the River Queen, announces in another column to the public that the books are open for excursion to Notley Hall, that popular summer resort, and that the River Queen is ready for business. The River Queen has been repainted, refitted up in every way and new electric lights put in at the expense of \$5,000 and is in better condition than ever to serve the public. Captain Woollen needs no introduction to the Washington public. As manager of the River Queen and other boats he has always been a prime favorite with the people. His books are open for charterers and the churches, societies, social clubs and all organizations which desire good dates should call on him at once and make arrangements for them. Already the list is very large but many of the best dates are opened. The following dates have all been taken: June 12, Minutemen Club, June 15, Masonic Order; June 18, The Keystone Pleasure Club; June 19, Odd Fellows' Georgetown, June 21, Young Men's Protective League, June 22, Young Men's Immediate Relief; June 25, Felix Lodge, Odd Fellows'; June 29, The Epicurean Pleasure Club.

A list of the charters will be published in this paper from week to week so that the charters will be known.

Normal Ala., Notes.

Dr. A. D. Mayo, of Boston, who has been engaged in educational work at Normal, left last Tuesday for the State Normal school at Jacksonville, Ala. Rev. B. A. Imes arrived Tuesday after a week's visit to Memphis and vicinity. He has accepted a call to pastorate at Brewton, Ala. The graduating class from the Normal department numbers 29. They all have trades of some kind; 9 are seamstresses, 8 cooks, 6 bookkeepers, 3 teachers, 5 musicians, 3 laundresses, 6 sick nurses, 3 printers, 6 carpenters, 3 painters, 1 art painter, 1 wheelwright, 3 shoe makers. They represent the following denominations: 8 Baptists, 12 A. M. E. Church, 2 A. M. E. Zion Church, 1 Episcopalian, 1 Congregationalist, 1 Presbyterian, 2 Catholics. During the next year 4 will follow their trades, 3 will teach, 7 will study for some profession, 12 will take a college course, 1 missionary to Africa and 3 undecided. Their average age is 20. Normal sends out 80 graduates

from all its departments this year. Mr. A. E. Thomas, the travelling agent for Normal's Industrial Department, will set out on his route next week. GARRETT.

HAS IT EVER OCCURRED TO YOU

That Miss Lena Holmes is a fine pianist.

That Ohio seems to be a good state to be born in.

That The Colored American is the real thing.

That in the long run it pays better to tell the truth.

That Director of the Census Merriam can be trusted.

That people who starts rows seldom profit by them.

That extravagance is a crime against good judgment.

That it is foolhardy to believe you can please everybody.

That Senator Allain has a multitude of "get there" powers.

That the Negro race is finding it necessary to get together.

That W. L. Pollard is one of our brightest young lawyers.

That Henry Johnson always says something when he talks.

That all of this dinner produced harmony is too good to last.

That Prof. John T. Layton may yet be director of music in the schools.

That the real friend is he who comes to your rescue when you are in distress.

That Senator Fairbanks would make a polished and effective vice president.

That the office which seeks the man has little or no trouble in running him down.

That Col. Robert Harlan is a copperplate penman and a splendid dramatic reader.

That if we do not try to help ourselves, we do not desire the help of others.

That Superintendent Powell's friends do not care to take anything for insomnia.

That Gov. P. B. S. Pinchback means business in every movement he undertakes.

That Bethel Literary cannot afford to lose the valuable services of President W. H. Richards.

That office-seeking has been placed on the list of incurable diseases by medical experts.

That J. Milton Turner has a lot of well developed gray matter concealed in his headpiece.

That an education that brings few dollars and no satisfaction is "dead sea fruit" to its possessor.

That Superintendent George F. Cook does not come of a family that gives up without a struggle.

That Senator William E. Mason is the Charles Sumner of this generation of American statesmen.

That the Second Baptist Lyceum as a moulder of healthful sentiment, ranks among the "head liners."

That preachers are safest when they stick to their pulpits and save sinners on non partisan platforms.

That the bill providing for the reorganization of Washington's schools is bound to become a law.

That the guest at tonight's ten course dinner frequently lunces at a pork and beans counter tomorrow.

That sheer good luck doesn't make one man so much better another as to warrant the putting on of airs.

That the genial personage with "no

money but a good excuse" is growing to be a drug upon the market."

That it is easier to collect \$2.00 for a swell banquet than it is to raise fifty cents canvassing for a race journal.

That R. W. Thompkins, useful as he has been in the past, is doing the work of his life as chorister at St. Luke's.

That nevertheless and notwithstanding; Messrs. Chase and Jones will be seated in the Philadelphia convention.

That Prof. Robert H. Terrell would make a most acceptable superintendent for the colored schools of the District.

That D. B. McCary would be just the man for clerk of the school board if he could be prevailed upon to accept it.

That Dr. A. M. Curtis is unostentatiously making a matchless record as surgeon in chief at Freedmen's Hospital.

That how to get to Philadelphia at somebody else's expense is a question that must soon be faced and settled.

That despite the dryness of the weather, the "rubber shoe" is much worn by school candidates these days.

That Washingtonians should make a square-toed stand for suffrage and acquire some authority over their own affairs.

That the clouds have rolled by and Messrs. Lyons, Cheatham and Green are severely doing business at the "old stand."

That the professional "knocker" is rarely fastidious about the individual who comes within the reach of his hammer.

That the complimentary banquet industry can now go over until fall without detriment to the public purse or digestion.

That Roscoe Conkling Bruce has a fortune before him and that he will prove equal to his exceptional opportunities.

That the exodus of the eminent ladies and gentlemen who visit the seaside annually "for their health" is about to set in.

That healthy competition for the colored river trade will insure parties the very best of service by each and every rival boat.

That President McKinley had better get ahead on his sleep before the time arrives to appoint the Board of Education that is to be.

That the way to open up places of employment for equipped boys and girls is to develop and sustain Negro business enterprises.

That the scoundrel who is forever scandalizing women and mocking at virtue, never makes a hit with a manly fellow who has a sister.

That Henry Y. Arnett's impressive style of oratory has caught the favor of those who prefer solidity and sense, to flowers, gush and flub-dub.

That Joseph H. Douglass is one distinguished descendant of a distinguished line who doesn't have to depend upon his ancestry for a reputation.

That the Negro would make a stronger showing by investing in a live business a large proportion of the money now tied up in real estate.

That the fight for a "bran new deal" in the school management, when reduced to the lowest terms, is simply a scramble between the "ins" and "outs."

That if the administration is determined to find a New Yorker to run along with McKinley there is nothing the matter with T. Thomas Fortune or Charles W. Anderson for vice president.

That our educational authorities will prove themselves very shortsighted if

they fail to secure the Grand Opera House for the high school commencement.

That Mr. Langley, appointment clerk in the Census office, is just the kind of a representative we should like to have in Congress or Kentucky's gubernatorial chair.

That the coming census as it refers the Negro will bring in a verdict of "not guilty" to the indictment of southern "crackers" that we are incapable of progress.

That Washington, magnificent aggregation of wealth and intelligence should see to it that Booker T. Washington's visit here May 22nd nets not less than \$1000 to Tuskegee's endowment fund.

That one John T. Haskins of Virginia and one J. C. Campbell from West Virginia and one Lieutenant E. R. Gaither from New Jersey have added materially to the admirable output of orators for which the Nation's Capital has long been noted.

That Prof. J. W. Cromwell, by reason of his phenomenally long memory of dates, facts, figures and details concerning historic persons and incidents has come to be known as the John F. Coyle of this community.

That Daniel Murray, Dr. F. J. Shadd, W. H. H. Hart, W. H. Richards, Rev. Sterling N. Brown, John F. Cook, Rev. O. M. Waller, Lewis H. Douglass and Dr. C. W. Childs are being considered as to their availability for membership on the proposed Board of Education.

That a man who deposits \$100 in the Capital Savings Bank is a stronger exemplar of race loyalty than the windy orator who professes undying love for his people and for principle—and lives on his wife's earnings in the wash tub or at the sewing machine

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